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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated October 4, 2007, having an extended term for response that expires on January 4, 2008.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.